

11 BROTHERS BEING MANAGER
OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Same Magnates Who Are Berating Jumpers to Federal League Once Made the Flop Themselves; Branch Rickey Is Queer Manager; He Doesn't Predict Victory for His St. Louis Browns.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Organized baseball lifts up its eyes in devout horror at the crime of jumping to the Federal League. Yet it would be remembered that the American league was once an "outlaw," too. A statistician has computed that of the 12 biggest stars who "jumped" the National in the earlier baseball war, 11 became either managers or umpires in organized baseball. Here they are:

John McGraw, Giants; Bob Wallace, Browns; Naps Lajoie, Cleveland; Bill Bernhart, Memphis (Southern League); Doc White, Vernon (Pacific Coast League); Jim Collins, Red Sox; Bill Donovan, Yankees; Fleider Jones, White Sox; and St. Louis Cardinals; Charlie Griffith, Cincinnati; and New York Americans; and Washington; Jim Calhoun, White Sox. Bill Dineen turned umpire.

The appended table will show the number of players lost by the different National league clubs by desertion during the three years' war.

Club	1901	1902	1903	Total
Philadelphia	6	10	2	18
New York	5	4	2	11
Boston	4	7	2	13
Brooklyn	3	7	2	12
Chicago	4	4	8	16
Pittsburgh	2	1	1	4
Cincinnati	2	1	1	4
St. Louis	3	6	0	9
Total	35	48	18	101

As will be seen, Brooklyn was the heaviest loser, 25 players deserting its team.

Branch Rickey is a funny sort. Branch does not seem to belong at all. Last spring when he began as manager of the Browns he started to do several things that had not been done before in the manner of managing ball clubs. He got away with enough to send the St. Louis Browns to the top of the league for a part of the season and he made a good finish.

Now Branch comes out with the remark that St. Louis will not win the American league pennant. He hopes that his team will land in the first division and think the club has a chance to finish there, but land the flag, not this year. He is positive of that. Queer manager.

Billy Sullivan, who has played out his string with the White Sox, caught in 1906 games during his 18 years in the major leagues. Some of these were not full games, but it would be conservative to estimate that in each game Sullivan handled an average of 120 pitched balls.

One hundred and fifty-six thousand times Billy Sullivan bent his knee and gave the signal and 18,000 times he took his mark. He has been a ball club for 18 years. He takes his marks of service with him wherever he goes, for of all his 10 years, not one has he had a single year without a mark. And when Sullivan takes tally of these bumps and scratches he can remember Griffith, Calhoun, Alcock, Scott, O'Brien, White and Ed Walsh. These were the men who made his hands what they are today, and Billy Sullivan would not have a single finger scratched, marked as they were by mighty men.

It is to be recalled that "Home Run" Baker quit baseball at this time. He couldn't have picked out a worse time to quit the Mackmen. There is no doubt that Baker was the greatest cleanup hitter in the history of the game. His presence was always a menace to the opposing pitcher.

Baker was a far better fielder than he ever received credit for being. Because he was awkward in his style, many persons thought that he was only a fair man on the defensive. But Mack and the pitchers never had this opinion. Official averages show that Baker won in and season out Baker accepted more chances than any other third baseman in the two leagues.

Here is a table of his fielding percentages:

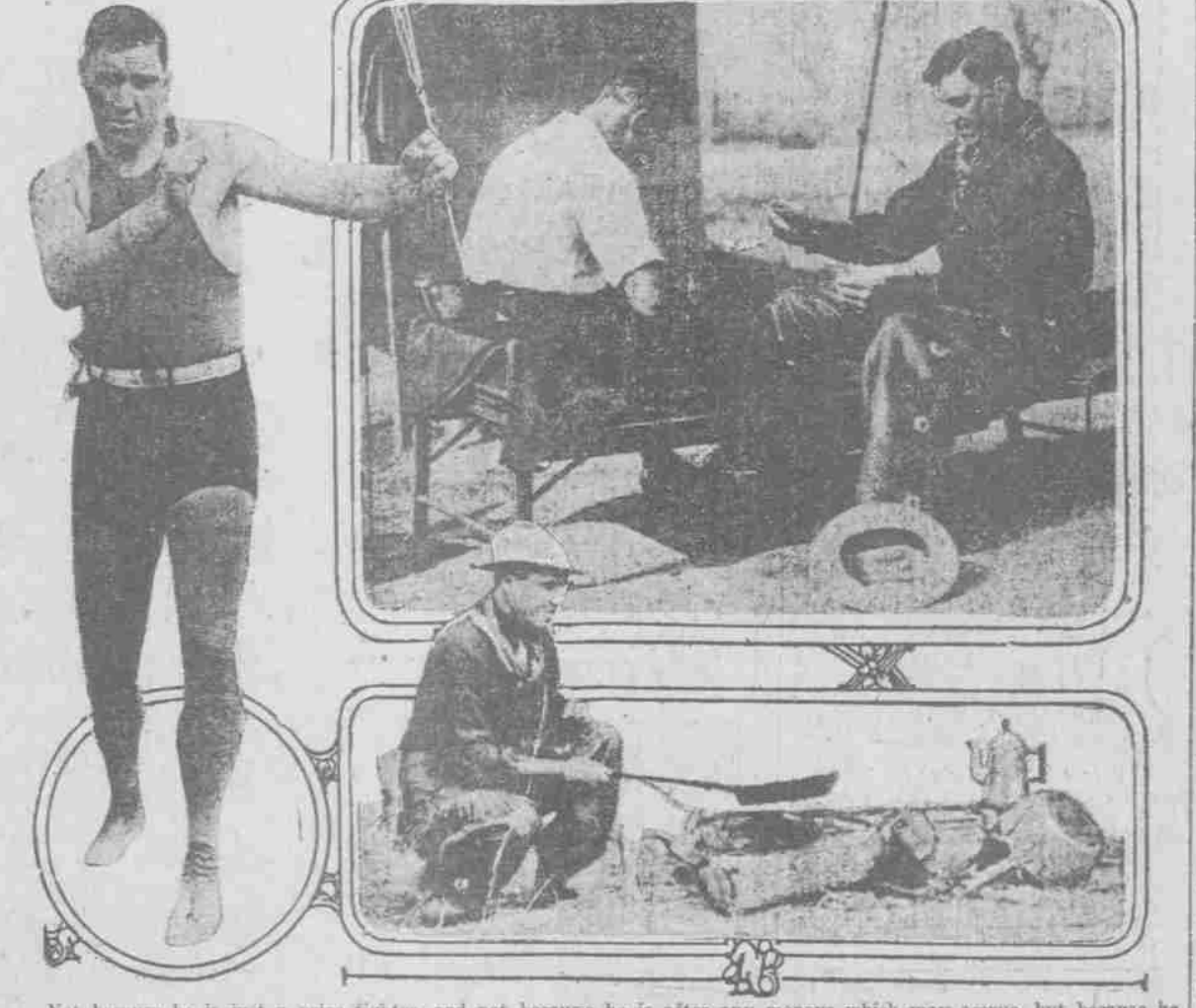
Year	Games	At Bats	Runs	Hits	Errors	Fielding %
1909	146	508	82	120	10	.920
1910	144	485	72	110	10	.920
1911	144	485	72	110	10	.920
1912	144	485	72	110	10	.920
1913	144	485	72	110	10	.920
1914	144	485	72	110	10	.920

A prediction that \$2 will be the average price of admission to a major league baseball game to be paid between the Federal League and organized baseball continues, was made by O'Rourke.

O'Rourke Thinks Johnson Is Coming. Believes Juarez Will Get the Fight.

By "TEX" O'ROURKE, Willard's Sparring Partner.

CAMP WILLARD, Near El Paso, Texas, Feb. 27.—We will all be mighty glad when old John Arthur Johnson pulls on his purple tights and shows his golden smile around Juarez—if that event is ever going to happen.



Not because he is just a prize fighter, and not because he is after any money which may accrue, but because he is determined to expunge the stigma placed on the white race by Jack Johnson's defeat of Jim Jeffries at Reno, Nev., July 4, 1910, Jesse Willard says he will enter the ring with the black champion any time Johnson is ready. Willard asserts he is confident of victory. He seems to believe it himself, too. The photographs show him looking a simple meal with skillet and coffee pot, playing seven-up with a sparring partner and in ring costume, ready for the fray. The photos were made at the Knobloch ranch, near El Paso.

"BECK'S" AMERICAN CORNER

ORGANIZED baseball for the coming season is now assured. El Paso, Bisbee, Tucson, Phoenix, Silver City, and Albuquerque will make a circuit that is A. 1. It will be to the interest of the players to try for a victory in every game and the fans can be assured the contests will be won and lost on their merits. Baseball is the cleanest game played when it is properly handled and with "Honest John" McCloskey at the reins here we should have clean baseball.

THE intercollegiate rules committee is taking steps to banish football coaches from the field and to place absolute control of the players in the hands of the captains while on the field. Under the new rule, the coaches will no longer be allowed to amble along the side lines and pass out advice when sending in substitutes. They now become mere spectators and have no more privileges on the field than you or I. And that's how it should be.

IF THE TIGERS beat the Y. M. C. A. tonight, there is still a chance that they will get a trip to the coast to take in the "Frisco fair." Basketball is booming in San Francisco again this year and sheriff Edwards has received a wire from the exposition city to the effect that an important letter is now en route to him, though it is too late for the team to take part in the A. A. U. basketball series. The sheriff believes the expected letter will contain a proposition to take the team west for some exhibition games. He figures that, if the trip be made, ten players will have to be carried along, so the substitutes will still have a chance to shine.

ABOUT the fight? Why, you can make your own guess and you'll hit the facts about as close as the rest of us!

Bill's Going To Tampa; So Is Gussy But the Old Man Won't Pay Her Fare

"We Might as Well of Run Off and Get Married for All the Presents We Got," the Busher Writes to Steve; Thinks Friends Must Be Broke.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Steve, Well, we will be on our way to Tampa when you get this letter and wear traveling tonight and I will make you this letter from here and then the next letter you get from me you will get it from Tampa and I will be down there where the dice and warm and you will be in from up north here and I guess you wish you was a big league ball player so as you could get some of these men trips this grade stuff.

Nothing Doing With the Old Man. So I says your a fine guy to give us this kind of treatment after all the work I done for you this winter & he says yes you been a hole lot of good to me & a man would think from the amt. of beer you sold that the hole country had went prohibition all ready. Then I says you didn't even give your daughter no wedding present & he says I bet the next time I pull off any thing like this I will have some thing wrote down on paper. She eats like a horse to & them dining cars don't charge you nothing for make.

BACKER OF PHOENIX CLUB IS FORMER OWNER OF SACRAMENTO CLUB IN PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE; MATHES, FORMER MACK-MAN, ALSO WANTED PHOENIX, BUT MAY TAKE TUCSON; HERRICK WINS FIGHT AT PANAMA.

JACK ATKINS, former owner of the Sacramento club in the Pacific Coast league, and known all over America as a horseman, took a hand in the local baseball situation, Friday, when he had a long talk with John J. McCloskey, promoter of the Rio Grande association, after which it was announced that Mr. Atkins would take over the Phoenix franchise and finance the club there. He expressed his belief that Phoenix will be as good a baseball town as El Paso and was extremely well satisfied with the deal.

Joe Mathes arrived from Oakland, Calif., this morning, full of enthusiasm and announced he was after a franchise. He too, favored Phoenix but Mr. McCloskey suggested that he have a look at Tucson and it is likely that Mathes will take hold of that franchise. Mathes was with the Philadelphia Athletics three years ago but jumped to the St. Louis Cardinals last season. He has been out of the club for a while but has been getting on as a regular with the Blackmen. He played second base for the Shofeeds and he sprained his ankle about midseason and then went back to Oakland. The ankle proved troublesome and he was unable to get back into the game all winter. He asserts the injury is now healed and that he will be able to play his usual game this year.

Mathes being there is more money in managing and playing with a minor league club than there is in playing with a class AA or a major league club. John McCloskey quite agreed with him and offered to go to his room and get a sheaf of letters from clubs in the American association and international league which was him to take hold of teams. "Mack" says he would rather manage in a minor league and points out that he has been in the American association and international league which was him to take hold of teams. "Mack" says he would rather manage in a minor league and points out that he has been in the American association and international league which was him to take hold of teams.

McCloskey, Mathes and Atkins will start on a trip to Tucson, Wednesday morning. They will visit Silver City, which already has things lined up pretty well, Wednesday afternoon and part of Thursday and then go on to Tucson and Phoenix.

It is likely that Billy Quigley and his team, already signed up at Oakland, will be turned over to Mathes for his Phoenix club and that Billy will be installed by Atkins as manager. Mathes will likely handle the Tucson club himself. Manager Labell has things in shape at Albuquerque and Silver City is also showing up in good style. McCloskey will manage El Paso.

Several names have been picked for president of the league and it is possible that a real old time, red hot fan from Silver City, whose name is being withheld for the present, will hold the office.

Subscriptions for stock in the El Paso club are being taken up and while the required amount has not yet been subscribed, things look very bright for the financial end of the local club.

Jack Herrick, well known to local ring fans, has been making a hit in Panama City, where he recently won a decision over "Steamboat" Bill Scott, of Milwaukee, in a hard, 20 round battle. Herrick left the ring unmarked while Scott was somewhat battered about the face. "Jack fought the best bout since he came among us," sums up the Panama Morning Journal. "Scott did not have a round, but the bout is the Panama Star and Herald. In a previous encounter, Scott had won the decision."

"I am quite positive that Johnson will come to Juarez and that I will meet him, and beat him," declared Jesse Willard, Friday afternoon, when he dropped in at the Herald office for a short chat.

Jesse announced he would go through his usual training this afternoon and on Sunday but that his plans for next week are indefinite. Word is expected from Jack Johnson, that he has been in Havana, then, if the promoter writes that the bout is to be held March 10, the big hope will keep right on training. Willard will go off shooting for a week.

Willard was pleased to hear that Otto Flope has declared his "cham-

How "Oscar Hip" Fighter, Is Handled He's Training To Whip the "Big Ink"

By GEORGE E. PHAIR, In the Chicago Examiner.

Mr. Phair is a friend of Tex O'Rourke and he has written the following as a takeoff on some of the O'Rourke articles from the Willard camp at El Paso:

BY TEX BULL, (Translated by George E. Phair.)

SCAR HIP'S Training Quarters, Near El Paso, Texas, Feb. 26.—Fully \$83,888 enthusiastic fight fans waited Alfalfa Ranch (alias Camp Hip) today to see Oscar Hip go through his paces. Several hundred thousand more were refused admittance, although they were willing to pay \$100 apiece for seats. More than a million Mexicans stood on the roofs of the surrounding moral emporiums to watch the great gladiator at his daily grind.

As a preliminary, Tom Jones, the famous Spanish athlete, thrashed him but this diversion created little enthusiasm, even among the Mexicans, as a manager is always expected to throw the bull.

When Oscar appeared in the ring the applause was deafening. It agitated the atmosphere to such an extent that it brought on a minor disaster. With great presence of mind Oscar stretched himself to his full height and stopped the thunderclouds with his famous left jab. Then he swung his famous right and knocked the storm over into Death Valley, where it originated several of Bat Noddy's ravings.